



# Navy Victims' Legal Counsel Program

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# VLC Duties

- Advise Victims regarding:
  - Military justice system, proceedings, and roles
  - Rights afforded victim under Victim Witness Assistance Program
  - Role of Victim Advocate and any privileges between victim and VA
  - Victim's duties to the court, responsibility to testify, and proceedings the victim may observe or participate in
  - Services available for medical support, including emotional/mental health counseling
  - Eligibility for military/veteran benefits and availability of Legal Assistance counsel to assist with personal civil legal matters or assist with obtaining military/veteran benefits
  - Any potential criminal liability of the victim and right to seek defense services
- Work closely and in cooperation with SARC, VA, and FAP to best support and assist victims
- Liaise with victim's command, investigators, and trial counsel
- Attend interviews and court proceedings
- Represent Victim at court proceedings where the Victim has standing and interests
- As appropriate, advise on and assist clients with filing complaints via Articles 138, 1150, Inspector General, Equal Opportunity and Congressional representative